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SOME RUSSIA STUDENTS, OLDER INTELLECTUALS, AND WORKERS ARE OPENLY QUESTIONING SOVIET PROPAGANDA AND LACK OF INFORMATION ON EVENTS IN HUNGARY AND OTHER SOVIET SATELLITES, AMERICAN OFFICIALS SAID.

"THE FERMENT IS THERE -- IT IS A GOOD THING," ONE OFFICIAL SAID. "BUT THE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE INVOLVED ARE NOT GREAT. THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT THE SITUATION WILL GET OUT OF CONTROL."

OFFICIALS FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS INSIDE THE SOVIET UNION WARNED AGAINST OVERESTIMATING THE CHALLENGE TO PRESENT SOVIET LEADERSHIP.

NEVERTHELESS, THE OPEN QUESTIONING, PARTICULARLY BY STUDENTS, IS REGARDED AS SIGNIFICANT. AS REPORTED SOME TIME AGO, STUDENTS IN MOSCOW UNIVERSITY EXPRESSED DOUBTS THAT THE RUSSIAN PEOPLE WERE BEING TOLD THE TRUTH ABOUT SOVIET ACTIONS IN HUNGARY. WHEN THE PROFESSOR SAID THAT THEY WERE BEING TOLD THE TRUTH, ONE GROUP OF STUDENTS GOT UP AND LEFT THE LECTURE ROOM.

"THERE HAVE BEEN SIMILAR REPORTS THAT HIGH-RANKING COMMUNIST OFFICIALS "HAVE BEEN LECTURING" LENINGRAD WORKERS WHO HAVE ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SATELLITES AND IN THE REST OF THE WORLD.

SOME OF THE STUDENT UNREST MAY BE TRACED TO MANY FOREIGN STUDENTS ATTENDING MOSCOW UNIVERSITY. SOME HUNGARIAN STUDENTS, FOR EXAMPLE, WERE ATTENDING THE UNIVERSITY AT THE TIME THE REVOLT ERUPTED IN THEIR HOMELAND. THEY RECEIVED INFORMATION ON THE REVOLT AND PASSED IT ON TO THEIR FELLOW STUDENTS, WHO THEN "BEGAN LAUGHING" AT THEIR PROFESSORS WHO PARROTTED THE SOVIET PROPAGANDA LINE ON HUNGARY, OFFICIALS SAID.

INDIAN PRIME MINISTER NEHRU TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE HERE WEDNESDAY THAT HE BELIEVED THE FACT THAT RUSSIAN PEOPLE ARE BECOMING LITERATE AND MORE TECHNICAL MINDED IS SURE TO BRING ABOUT "FUNDAMENTAL" CHANGES TOWARDS DEMOCRATIZATION AND LIBERALIZATION INSIDE RUSSIA.

ALLEN W. DULLES, CHIEF OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, HAS SAID PUBLICLY THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS "WELL SUBSTANTIATED REPORTS" OF STUDENT UNREST INSIDE RUSSIA.

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